Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 11 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 12 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 10 Mar 2023 at 16:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High Saturday. Low for extent of rain and snow on Sunday and at first on Monday. High for a return to cold weather with snow showers by Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 11 Mar 2023: Mostly dry, cold and sunny. Isolated snow showers across the far north. Easterly winds strengthening after dark.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 11 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	20%	20%	<05%	<05%	<05%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 11 Mar 2023

Weather: Occasional snow showers across northern Sutherland and Cainthess in the morning, otherwise a lot of dry and bright weather through the day. High cloud will spill northwards in the afternoon with some light snow developing across the south of the area later in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little in the way of cloud expected on the summits during daylight hours although patches of cloud around 800 to 1000 metres may shroud a few coastal summits for a time. Cloud progressively lowering to 700 metres across the south of the area later in the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility with great air clarity expected for much of the day, but lowering cloud and snow quickly reducing visibility after dark in the south of the area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/21 NE	16/18 NE	13/16 E	12/17 E	15/20 E	16/22 SE	21/28 SE	23/32 SE	22/29 SE
900	15/18 NE	13/15 NE	12/15 E	13/18 E	16/21 E	16/22 SE	22/28 SE	24/33 SE	22/29 SE
600	8/10 NE	7/9 NE	9/11 E	10/16 E	12/18 E	12/18 SE	16/24 SE	16/26 SE	15/23 SE
300	2/13 N	3/12 N	5/11 NE	7/14 E	9/17 E	7/17 SE	6/20 E	9/22 E	7/19 E
Glen	4/10 NE	8/13 NE	8/13 NE	11/17 E	10/17 E	8/16 SE	13/23 E	15/25 E	12/20 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-7/-15	-8/-16	-8/-15	-8/-15	-7/-14	-6/-13	-6/-15	-7/-16	-7/-16
900	-6/-14	-7/-14	-7/-14	-8/-15	-6/-14	-5/-12	-6/-14	-6/-15	-6/-15
600	-4/-9	-5/-9	-5/-10	-5/-10	-3/-9	-2/-7	-3/-10	-4/-10	-3/-10
300	-3/-5	-4/-6	-5/-8	-3/-7	0/-4	1/-2	-1/-4	-2/-6	-2/-6
Glen	-0/-3	-1/-5	-1/-6	-0/-5	3/-1	4/0	2/-3	1/-4	1/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sun glare likely off fresh snowpack.

Forecast for Sunday 12 Mar 2023

Weather: Low confidence for detail. Snow in the early hours, clearing away soon after dawn across the east. Then dry for a time before further periods of rain extend from the southwest by late morning. This will preceded by snow for a time before snow becomes confined to the highest tops in the afternoon. A lot of uncertainty at the moment as to the northward extent of duration of rain and snow. Some of thaw of lying snow expected leading to wet conditions especially at lower elevations.

Maximum wind: Variable in direction through the day but mainly south southeasterly 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, best of any breaks along the west coast – areas north of Skye most favoured. Visibility becoming very poor in any snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 200 metres rising to 1200 to 1500 metres by afternoon

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